AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A media delivering apparatus and method for delivering media data via a network to a media receiving apparatus is disclosed. The delivering apparatus includes a parameter acquiring unit which acquires both a communication capability of the network, and the receiving capability of the media receiving apparatus. A media selecting unit selects media data to be delivered based on both the degree of media importance assigned to each media data and at least the one of the communication capability of the network and the receiving capability of the media receiving apparatus. A transmission-data generating unit generates metadata in which both address information about each selected media data and presentation layout information are described. A data transmitting unit delivers the metadata to the media receiving apparatus by way of the network, and a media communication unit delivers the media data in response to a request from the media receiving apparatus.